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Sir:

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It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 09/990,766, filed November 21, 2001 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0077826 A1); 09/990,765, filed November 21, 2001 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0078148 A1); 09/990,768, filed on November 21, 2001 (published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0082839 A1). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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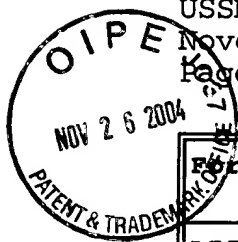
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